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The Faneuil Hall Concert

The Spring Concert by the Band was played before a fine audience on Sunday, April 27. This was the 22nd successive year that the boys have played in Faneuil Hall in this most recent series of concerts.

The Band played a varied program of concert pieces, instrumental solos, military marches and novelties. Major Frank L. Warren, our band conductor since 1923, was his usual genial self, and introduced each of the numbers.

The required pieces for the Massachusetts School Music Festivals were performed, thus affording the audience to get a preview of the type of music which youngsters are playing today.

It was a thrill and a pleasure to have our past member of the Band, and former bandmaster, Howard B. Ellis, '98, with us. Mr. Ellis has never missed a Faneuil Hall concert since this series was inaugurated 22 years ago. He spoke, commending the boys on their appearance in their new uniforms, and then conducted them in a spirited march.

Outstanding among the soloists was Robert H. Grignon, whose performance of Harlow's variations on the "Old Home Down On the Farm" was exceptional. The other soloists did a fine job, and reflected much credit upon Mr. Warren.

Several guest conductors assisted Mr. Warren. Among them was Dr. Warren S. Freeman, former Dean of the Boston University College of Music. Dr. Freeman praised the music work at Thompson Academy, and then directed the Band in the accompaniment to Barnard's "Pals", Polka, which was played by his two nephews, Kenneth and Gregory Ford.

Many alumni were present, and we wish we could list all of them by name. We noticed many old-timers, including William Galeucia, '95, Merton Ellis, '97, and George Buchan, '97. Many other old friends of the Band were on hand, some who have been attending these concerts for a good many years. It was heart-warming and inspiring to have these old friends with us, and their presence added to the inner joy of the occasion.

The Concert was highly successful, and the members of the 1958 Band may well be proud of their achievement. The traditions of 101 years of the Band were proudly upheld!

The Program for the Concert, and the Roster of the Band follows:

PROGRAM

MARCH—Indianna State Band *Farrar*

OVERTURE—Our Own Overture *Akers*

CORNET SOLO—Old Home on the Farm
Robert H. Grignon

BASS SOLO—Samsonion Polka *Mcquaide*
Stanton H. Pearson

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CLARINET SOLO—Delecta — *Rollinson*
Barry R. Fuller

SELECTION—BABS — *Thomas*

CORNET DUET—The Pals — *Barnard*
Kenneth and Gregory Ford

INTERMEZZO—Jolly Peter — *Kersten*

OVERTURE—Golden Days — *King*

NOVELTY—At the Circus — *Jones*

MARCH—Semper Fidelis — *Sousa*

Star Spangled Banner

Roster of Band

Clarinets
Barry R. Fuller
Harold P. Hanna, Jr.
Peter B. Hersey
Donald G. Oke
Ronald A. Oke
Theodore C. Weber
William A. Weber

Drums
Douglas V. Briggs
Roderick F. Dewar
John S. Mitchell
Walter Wojcik

Basses
Donald A. Corliss
Stanton H. Pearson

Cornets
Thomas C. Cronin
David E. Ficks
Gregory F. Ford
Kenneth D. Ford
Robert H. Grignon
George H. Mader
David S. Mitchell
Malcolm C. McKay

Trombones
Robert C. Hanes
George D. McPeek
Michael C. Veglas

Altos
Richard J. Gradzewicz
Thomas J. McIntyre

Euphonium
John K. Rowlingson

The Library Trip

The Junior Class visited the South Boston Public Library on May 6, the trip being planned as part of the group's discussions and testing in the field of vocational guidance. Mrs. Tuttle, librarian, and Miss Moorachian of the Young Adult Department, were very kind to our boys. Miss Moorachian first explained the Dewey System, and then three films were projected, each dealing with job hunting and careers. Following the motion pictures, books of special interest in career planning were discussed, and both Mrs. Tuttle and

Miss Moorachian helped the boys find books suited to their needs. A sincere thanks to these library workers, and to other members of the staff, for a very profitable Library field trip.

Three Speaking Engagements

On Friday, April 25, Mr. Pearl and Mr. Albee attended a Dinner Meeting of the Quincy Historical Society. Mr. Pearl gave an address, "Historical Thompson's Island," and then spoke on the present philosophy of our School. Mr. Albee gave a showing of over 100 colored slides of Academy life. Following the lecture there was a question period.

On the evening of April 23, Howland S. Warren, of our Board of Trustees' Advisory Committee, Mr. Pearl, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Albee, attended a meeting of yacht club members at the Old Colony Yacht Club in Neponset. Mr. Warren addressed the gathering, stressing the need of a new gymnasium. Mr. Pearl and Mr. Thomas spoke briefly, and our illustrated colored slide lecture was given.

On Tuesday May 6 Mr. Stevens and Mr. Albee attended the monthly meeting of the Cohasset Grange. It was Education Week and our school representatives were invited to tell the story of Thompson Academy. This was done, first, by an address by Mr. Stevens, followed by a showing of pictures of the School by Mr. Albee. It was a fine, interesting meeting, and we appreciate the opportunity of attending.

Agassiz Museum Visit

The boys in Grade 9 visited the Agassiz Museum at Harvard on May 14. One of the foremost institutions of its kind, the Museum has a vast store of treasures all of which are educationally inspiring. The glass flower exhibit is world renowned and attracts visitors from the four corners of the earth. This trip was arranged and conducted by Mr. Sanderson, the class science teacher.

Topics in Brief

We were happy to have George Buchan, '97, of Waldoboro, Maine, as a weekend guest on April 26-27. He came so as to attend the Faneuil Hall concert. When Mr. Buchan lived in the Boston area he was a frequent visitor at the School, and many of the "old-timers" were happy to reminisce with him.

The Faneuil Hall Band Concert, which is recorded in detail on page one, had many happy results, particularly so in the renewal of old friendships. It is a delight to meet these old friends, and their presence is certainly an inspiration to those of us who have a strong affection for the school band and the traditions it has fostered.

We welcomed Dr. Wright, Mayor of Vergennes, Vermont, here on April 23. Dr. Wright had heard much of Thompson Academy and its work, and was happy to see the School at first-hand.

Through the efforts of "Big Brother" Bob Emery, '12, Mr. Pearl, Mr. Warren and Mr. Albee, together with an instrumental quartet from the band, appeared on the Big Brother TV program on April 26. Mr. Emery, a former member of our band, spoke of the good work of our band and interviewed those from the school as to the spring music schedule of the 101 year old group. We are grateful to "Big Brother" for his continued interest.

Two projects which were instituted during the winter are heading towards a happy conclusion, as the school year draws to a close. The Remedial Reading classes conducted by Mrs. Turner have

been a source of much assistance to her group, and the art study group, taught by Mr. Bazler has produced mighty fine pencil, crayon, and water color work.

Baseball is king during this season and the school team and junior team are busy with rather full schedules. Those who are not members of these interscholastic groups are members of a league playing intramural softball.

Our Parents' Council held its annual picnic on May 11. The group first had a short business meeting, and then met at the beach near the wharf where the picnic was held. All agreed that the party was a grand success. It certainly was a happy occasion.

Our Band attended the Northeastern School Music Festival in Winchester and the Southeastern Festival in Quincy on May 3 and May 10 respectively. It would take a column to recount the congratulatory remarks given the Band by the adjudicators. The 1958 Band may well be proud of the laurels it earned, and so may those whose continued interest makes the music program possible.

More than 400 boy scouts and their leaders held their annual camporee at our school on the weekend of May 17. A patrol from our troop participated and won several high honors for camping skills. Beautiful weather favored the campers, and the camporee was a great success, due in a large measure to the fine work of Scout Commissioner Knowles and his staff.

News of the Alumni

We have received the sad news that ERNEST W. AUSTIN, '00, died recently. For many years he made his home in Cleveland, at 242 Clinton Heights. He was always interested in all phases of Thompson Academy life, and the affairs of the Alumni Association received his hearty support. We shall miss his kind and sympathetic understanding.

ELWIN C. BEMIS, '16, a past officer of the Alumni Association, and for eight years supervisior of boys at the School, met death instantly in an automobile accident in New Hampshire on May 11. The news shocked "his boys" of the '20's. Mr. Bemis, who for many years has been a real estate broker, retained a deep interest in Thompson Academy. Our alumni were represented at the funeral, which was held in Georgetown, on May 15.

HANS M. CHRISTENSEN, '51, graduated from Bristol County Agricultural School, and Lutheran Bible Institute. During his school days he was very active in many fields. In October, 1955, he was married, and in August of 1956 was drafted in the U. S. Army, taking his basic and advanced training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He became father to a lovely daughter, Linda Jean, on March 19, 1957 and shortly after left for overseas duty in Bavaria. He expects to be back in the states this July, and hopes he and his family may visit Thompson Academy. His address is Pfc Hans M. Christensen, U S-S1383105, Hq. Co. USA Eng. Ord. School, Europe, APO 127, New York, N. Y.

The Annual Field Day of the Alumni Association will be held on May 31. The boat will leave the Public Landing at 10:30 a.m. The semi-annual meeting of the Association will be held on this day. Members will please send reservation notices to the Alumni Secretary at the school.

Alumni, come and bring the family!

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Graduation

Graduation Exercises for the Class of 1958 were held on June 6. Beautiful weather prevailed, and the lovely south lawn setting was ideal for the exercises.

The address to the class was delivered by the Rev. David W. Norton, rector of St. Michael's Church of Marblehead. Father Norton has long been known for the excellent youth work he has accomplished in Episcopal dioceses and his address was an inspiration to the class and audience of parents, trustees and friends. He was introduced by the Headmaster, Houghton D. Pearl.

The Valedictorian, Richard C. Dey, and the Salutatorian, Howard E. Murphy, both gave rather serious well prepared addresses.

Alfred C. Malm, vice president of the Board of Trustees, awarded the diplomas. Mr. Pearl presented several headmaster's medals. Mr. Albee awarded the Band certificates.

Frank L. Warren directed the school band in several selections. The boys gave their usual very fine performance.

The program and class roster follows:

PROGRAM

Class Processional—Youth Victorious
Donald B. Taylor, '59, Marshall

Invocation
The Rev. Frederick Kehew

Overture—Babs
School Band

Salutatory
Howard E. Murphy

Band Selection—Colonel Bogey

Valedictory
Richard C. Dey

Introduction of Speaker
Headmaster Houghton D. Pearl

Address
The Rev. David W. Norton
St. Michael's Church
Marblehead, Massachusetts

Presentation of Awards

Presentation of Diplomas
Vice President Alfred C. Malm

Finale—American Patrol
School Band

DIPLOMAS AWARDED

GRADUATION

Peter Mason Arnold
Douglas Vollm Briggs
Joseph Chisholm
Richard Cunningham Dey
David Elmer Ficks
Barry Reed Fuller
Richard Francis Lawrence
Paul Keen Maxwell
Howard Elvin Murphy II
Stanton Henry Pearson

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David Elmer Ficks
Barry Reed Fuller
Stanton Henry Pearson

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Stanton H. Pearson, Vice President
Richard C. Dey, Sec.—Treas.

CLASS MOTTO
Carpe Diem

Thomas Milne, '12

Funeral services for Thomas Milne, '12, mid-Cape veterans' agent for Barnstable, Yarmouth and Dennis since 1951, were held May 31 in Osterville Community Church. Rev. E. M. White officiated.

Mr. Milne died on May 27 at Cape Cod Hospital. A former Osterville resident, he lived there since 1948. He was a landscape gardener and horticultalrist for many years.

He served overseas with the Yankee Division in World War I, and was a captain in the state guard in World War II. He also was active in Civil Defense work.

He was a past chairman of the Barnstable Playground and Recreation Assn.; past president of the Soldiers Memorial Assn. and president of the Cape and Islands Assn.

Mr. Milne was a member of Mariners Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Cotuit; a member of the Compass Club, Hyannis, a member of Jamaica Plain Lodge, I. O. O. F., and a past commander of Barnstable American Legion post.

He was service officer of Denver F. Thomas post, V. F. W., and a member of the Veterans Service Association of Southeastern Massachusetts, Veterans Housing Comission, National Association

of Gardeners, and Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

He leaves a wife, Clara E. (Sullivan); three sons, Thomas E. of Osterville, Chalmers W. of Danvers and John H. Milne of Hyannis; a daughter, Mrs. Paul F. Williams, and brother, Theodore R. Milne of New York.

Masonic services were conducted in the Doan, Beal and Ames funeral home, Hyannis.

Radio Equipment Presented

Three social and technical organizations presented us with ham radio transmitting and receiving equipment. The organizations are the National Sojourners, the Raytheon Square and Compass Club, and the El-Ray Amateur Radio Club of Raytheon. These three groups have been sponsoring code classes at the Academy under the leadership of Charles White, of the Raytheon Engineering Department. It is hoped that some of our boys may qualify for the Federal novice license in October. The radio equipment was accepted by Headmaster Pearl, on behalf of the Academy.

The Baccalaureate Service

The Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 1958 was held on June 1. The beautiful outdoor setting of the south lawn was admirable for the service, which was attended by parents, friends, and undergraduates. The address was delivered by the Rev. Laurence M. Brock, S. J., who is chaplain of the Boston City Hospital and the Yankee Division. Father Brock commanded the attention of everyone and his message was of vital interest. We thank him for coming to us. Our chaplain, Dr. Kehew, arranged for two class members to take part, Howard E. Murphy and Richard C. Dey. It was a deeply reverent service and an auspicious way to begin Commencement Week.

The Summer Day Camp

To further utilize our island facilities we operated a day camp last summer. It was so successful that the Board of Trustees decided to make it a permanent summer activity. Thus, this year beginning on July 7, we will begin our camp program. The advantages are obvious—athletics, nature study, Red Cross swimming program, craft experience, healthy ocean atmosphere, fresh milk and poultry products from the school farm, and the beautiful setting of Thompson's Island. The cost is moderate and interested parents of boys ages 9-13 are invited to write us. Ralph E. Lindsey is the camp director.

Memorial Day Parade

Our Band was invited to participate in the Memorial Day observances at Quincy. The boys left the Island at 7:45 and were soon eating an excellent breakfast at the Wollaston American Legion Hall. Then the Band escorted the Legion post members to church. Boarding their bus once again, the boys went to Quincy where they awaited the start of the parade. Many fine units were in the line of march, and vast groups of onlookers viewed the parade. At the cemetery impressive patriotic services were held, roll calls made, graves decorated, and Taps sounded. The marchers then reassembled and our band was one of the units to march to the local armory where lunch was served. Needless to say, our boys enjoyed being a part of this notable observance.

Topics in Brief

Graduation on June 6 marked the close of another school year. The class left the school following the ceremonies, and on June 7 the remainder of the student body began their summer pursuits. The older boys, for the most part, will work, many in summer camps and resort places.

Some of our young lads will be at summer camp. Our school remains open the year round, and up to twenty of our boys will be with us during the summer vacation period.

Under the direction of our chaplain, Dr. Kehew, Memorial Day exercises were conducted at our little cemetery at the south end of the island. Patriotic and other fitting recitations were given, and flowers placed on each grave. The service was quiet and lovely, and the beautiful outdoor setting enhanced the traditional, solemn service.

We have availed ourselves during the school year of the opportunity of visiting some principal museums in the Boston area, and also a few industrial plants. These field trips were organized on a class basis, and related to classroom work. Our teachers accompanied each group, and without exception every trip was very much worthwhile. We hope to do more of this next year, for the educational value is great and Boston has so much to offer in this respect.

Our drill team, which was organized in early 1957, appeared in several parades this spring and each time with decided success. Some of the members also appeared on the Big Brother TV program. Outfitted in natty military uniforms, the boys make a fine appearance. It is very likely that the drill team will become a permanent feature of Thompson Academy life, and grow in importance with each passing year.

The Alumni Field Day and Meeting

The Annual Field Day of the Alumni Association was held on May 31. Graduates and their guests were met at the wharf and escorted to the quadrangle where the famed school band entertained. The drill team also performed, much to the delight of the guests.

Several trips were made to transport the guests, and as soon as all was in readiness a business meeting of the Association was held. President Charles O. Rolfe, '15 was in the chair. Most of the time was devoted to a discussion of the Alumni Gymnasium Fund, and Harold W. Edwards '10, Chairman, gave pertinent facts concerning the alumni participation in this vitally important project.

Following the meeting a most excellent tasty buffet lunch was served in the Bowditch dining hall. A social hour followed, during which time the several departments of the Academy were visited.

The afternoon was devoted to a ball game between the grads and the school team. Ted Gould, '15, called the balls and strikes and did his usual masterful job. It was good to see so many of the old boys, past stars of T. A. teams, once again showing their prowess. The game certainly entertained the spectators. The score has been forgotten, but the fun and good sportsmanship stands out in memory.

The return trips began in the late afternoon after a wonderful day spent in renewing old-time frendships and recalling Thompson's Island activities dating back six or more decades.

In conclusion, although it is pleasant to visit on Alumni occasions, graduates are reminded that a cordial welcome will greet them whenever they wish to visit. Do come anytime, and bring your friends.

News of the Alumni

WILLIAM F. GALEUCIA, '95, and a party of friends visited the Academy on June 8. Mr. Galeucia recounted many of his boyhood experiences here some 60 years ago, and his friends made notes on the Academy history. We were happy to welcome them here, and am happy that they enjoyed their visit.

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Paul Francis Swasey

It is with profound sorrow that we report the death of former headmaster, Paul Francis Swasey, on May 12, of a heart attack. He was 62. He succeeded Charles H. Bradley as headmaster in 1922, and soon after taking office instituted the program of two years of high school work, the academic work previously having terminated at the grammar school level. He resigned his post here in 1926.

For many years Mr. Swasey had lived in Tunstall, Virginia. He was former chairman of the Hanover county school board. Funeral services were held on May 14, with burial in the Westhampton Memorial Cemetery near his home.

An instructor of mathematics at the University of Richmond, Mr. Swasey had met classes on the day of his death. He had suffered a heart attack three years ago, and last year resigned from the school board because of ill health. In addition to his college teaching post, Mr. Swasey was employed by the Virginia Light and Power Company, and operated a farm at his home, "Spring Green Farm."

A native of Barre, Vermont, Mr. Swasey held a degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and did graduate work at Boston University and Harvard College. He was an elder and a trustee of Bethlehem Presbyterian church, a Mason, and an amateur artist.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eunice Hunt Swasey; his daughter, Mrs. Joanne Swasey Foreman; one grandchild; his sister, Mrs. John Clark, of Glenfield, N. Y.; two brothers, Dr. Carroll Swasey of Batavia, N. Y.; and R. L. Swasey of Abington, Mass.

Mr. Swasey had a host of friends among the alumni of Thompson Academy. He was an honorary member of the Alumni Association.

All of us associated with Thompson Academy extend profound sympathy to Mrs. Swasey and the members of the family.

The International Institute Outing

The International Institute, with offices in Boston, has for its purpose the giving of assistance to those of foreign lands who are in our country for the first time. The Institute promotes a year round program and its work is invaluabie. An outing of the group, at which several hundred attended, was held at our school on June 22. Activities for the day were very well planned, with the result that a most enjoyable occasion resulted. The members of the Institute were high in praise of the assistance rendered by our School and staff. We, in turn, were happy to have them as our guests. It was the first visit to Thompson's Island for most of those present.

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An Invitation

It has been the pleasure of Mr. Pearl and other staff members to visit church, fraternal and school groups with an illustrated lecture regarding the work of Thompson Academy. Without exception, these lectures have been very well received, and have been of value to both the audiences and to our school. We have what we consider an outstanding series of colored slides illustrating some of the main features of Thompson Academy. These are constantly being updated and the story they tell made even more interesting. Committees looking for an unusual program for their meetings are invited to contact Mr. Pearl at Thompson Academy. We would be very happy to furnish this program for your group.

Fiduciary Trust Outing

The officers and staff of the Fiduciary Trust Company held an outing at the School on June 25. Among other sports, softball and horseshoe pitching were enjoyed. In the early evening a steamed clam catered dinner was served on the beach near the wharf, after which dancing and community singing helped make the event memorable. Pleasant summertime weather added to the enjoyment of the day. Our trustee and President of Fiduciary, Robert H. Gardiner, made the arrangements for the outing. It was evident that everyone enjoyed the party, and we were happy to make our facilities available.

New Classroom and Library

We have been in need of more library and classroom space, and to this end are presently partitioning a large room in the Main Building. This room for more than a hundred years served as the school dining hall, and for the past few years has been a boys' lounge. We are confident that this added classroom-library

space will be of real value to our academic department. Other improvements in the way of new classroom furniture, furnishings, and other equipment will further aid in our overall instruction program.

Scout Camping Trip

Walter Fannon, of the Advertising Department of the Gillette Company, has been a warm friend of Thompson Academy for three decades. We look back with pleasant recollections on many activities in which Mr. Fannon gave us fine cooperation. For a good many years he has been scoutmaster of a South Boston boy scout troop and on July 3 he and his 34 scouts began a four-day camping period here, at Bowditch Grove. The scouts had a really wonderful time and we were certainly happy to have them with us.

Topics in Brief

Workmen have been here this month making necessary repairs about our wharf, which included the driving of many new piles and doing important carpentry work. Our wharf, floating equipment, and boats are of course of major importance, and we must ever be on the alert to see that these vital segments of our facilities be maintained in good condition.

Our summer day camp season began on July 7. The enrollment will average 40 boys weekly for six weeks. Nearly all the boys chosen for the camp live in or near the South Boston-Dorchester area, and their ages run from 9-12. A very complete program is provided under the supervision of a most competent staff, headed by Ralph Lindsey. The camp is in every way operated entirely independently from our regular school program, and it is a fine thing to have our island campus further utilized for such a wonderful purpose.

Our farm staff has been concentrating upon haying this month, and we are more than satisfied with the good crop. Mechanical hay loaders, forks and lifts speed up the work. Even though the weather has not been ideal, to date more than 60 tons have already been stored in the barn.

Our paint shop crew has been busy this month at work at the three boys' dormitories. All of the rooms will be redecorated as needed, and other necessary work done so that the buildings will be in excellent condition for the opening of the school year in September.

Friends made it possible for us to institute a course in Remedial Reading during the past school year. For this assistance we are very grateful, for several of our boys received vital and important help. Educators today recognize the tremendous importance of this form of instruction, for pupils with reading and spelling deficiencies are retarded in most fields of study, even though they show real effort. We are firmly convinced that those who need this specialized help should receive it, and we hope to do even more with our Remedial Reading work next year. In truth, Reading is the gateway to knowledge.

Swimming and other water fun have highlighted the boys' recreation this month. We have admirable facilities for enjoying this sport, and the boys have a minimum of two swimming periods daily. As may be imagined, nearly all of our boys are good swimmers and they seem to derive more fun and pleasure from this sport than from any other seasonal activitity.

We are pleased to have had our library enriched by sets of excellent juvenile fiction, a gift of alumnus David E. Long.

Our younger boys particularly like these books and thank Mr. Long for them.

Our location and interests afford excellent opportunities for the practical study of meteorology. Our weather station is equipped with standard instruments and a staff of observers takes readings twice daily. Local forecasts are made each morning. Several of our boys are very much interested in this field, which is correlated with our academic science department.

News of the Alumni

CLARENCE H. DEMAR, '03, died on June 11, at his home, 249 Forest Street, Reading, Mass., after a short illness. He was 70. He was a seven-time winner of the Patriots' Day B. A. A. Marathon, and had gained world-wide fame as a runner. He won his first Boston marathon in 1911 and competed year after year until 1954. He was twice a member of a U. S. Olympic team and during his long career took part in more than 1000 races.

His entire life was spent working at or teaching the printing trade. For a time he was a member of the faculty at Keene Teachers College. At the time of his death he was employed by the Boston Herald. He was a Harvard graduate, and studied at the University of Vermont.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and four children, Barbara and Elizabeth, both of Reading; Mrs. Dorothy Foster of New York City, and Robert E. of Chicago. We extend deep sympathy to the family.

We are saddened to report the death of WYLISS A. WEST on August 7, 1957. He had been in ill health for several years. While a student here (Class of 1922) he made a host of friends with his cheerful nature and friendly attitude. We extend sympathy to his family.

EDWARD V. OSBERG, '22, president of National Polychemicals, keeps us posted on the activities of his company by sending us news and advertising from time to time. We have lately received a reprint of a full page color advertisement which National Polychemicals used in promoting Opex 40 and Kempore R-125, blowing agents used in the making of closed cell sponge. The company plant is located in Wilmington, Mass.

JOHN GOODHUE, '21, was the subject of a feature story in the Boston Sunday Herald of May 18. He has built one of the largest and most successful boating businesses in the lakes region of central New Hampshire. The article points out the value of the training he received here, and Mr. Goodhue recounts with considerable pride some of his boat training experiences as a schoolboy on Thompson's Island. His two sons, John Jr., 15, and Fred, 12, are following in his steps, and both keep themselves well occupied during their free time at work in their dad's Lake Winnipesaukee boat yard.

RAMSEY C. ALLEN, '30, has been appointed the new general manager of Northeastern Distributors, which has recently greatly expanded its marine division.

Mr. Allen has been in the boating business for 19 years and possesses a wide experience in the outboard motor field. He has planned a program for the promotion of all boating activities, including beneficial legislation and the Marine Trades Association.

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The Summer Day Camp

A year ago, with some misgivings, we decided to institute a summer day camp. As the season progressed it became increasingly evident that such a program was needed, and in providing it we were performing a very useful public service. Thus, this year, there was no question as to the continuance of the day camp, particularly so as many of the 1957 campers wished to return. No advertising was needed, except for the good word passed from last year's campers to new prospects.

It does not seem that any camp could have had a finer staff. Ralph M. Lindsey, our supervisor of instruction, headed the staff. Mr. Lindsey has had over a quarter century experience in camp leadership and does an admirable job. He was assisted by three of our teachers, and received further assistance from five of our Academy students.

The camp period began on July 7 and continued for six weeks. The boys came for one week periods, and as might be expected, the vast majority remained on for more than the planned one week. Summer ocean sport was a feature, and all of the campers made remarkable progress in swimming. Crafts were emphasized strongly this summer and one of the outstanding projects was the making of driftwood lamps. Of course the customary summer playground sports and games were popular. Stress was placed on good sportsmanship.

The boys ranged in ages from 9 to 13, with one or two exceptions, and it has been interesting to note the reactions which they have made to their camping experience. To many the harbor trips were outstanding, while to others just the chance to "do something different" and to enjoy wholesome summer fun, was paramount.

The camp was operated on a non-profit basis. There may be a small monetary loss, but in the main we are proud to have been of service to so many families. The many congratulatory messages we have received from the campers and their parents are heartwarming and thoroughly appreciated.

Mayflower's Shallop Visits Us

More than three centuries ago, when the Mayflower anchored in Provincetown Harbor, men from the ship explored Massachusetts Bay. Their route was recorded, and under the leadership of Edward Rowe Snow, prominent Marshfield historian, author and lecturer, the three day trip was authentically reenacted. On the final day of the trip August 3, the shallop landed at Thompson's Island, as it did those many years ago. The shallop is a small workboat, with a sail, and draws about two feet of water.

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Mr. Snow, dressed in the type of clothing worn by Miles Standish, captained the shallop, and had a crew of nine, including Captain George A. Davis, permanent captain of the Mayflower II, who served as sailing master.

We were at the wharf to welcome the shallop and her gallant crew. The reenactment of the original trip was highly successful, in spite of foggy weather encountered at the start of the voyage. It was proved that the men who sailed the shallop could carry on under the same conditions as were encountered by the Pilgrims.

We congratulate Mr. Snow on the success of the endeavor. As a matter of fact, congratulations were extended by state and local dignitatries at every point of call. It was truly a notable venture.

The Gymnasium Fund

Our readers are no doubt aware that we are in the midst of a campaign to raise $200,000.00 to build a gymnasium at Thompson Academy. One half of this amount has been pledged by a great Foundation with the provision that we raise the balance. We are proceeding towards our goal and to date three-fifths of the needed amount has been subscribed. Our Board of Trustees is deeply grateful to those who have helped. Very gratifying, too, has been the response of our alumni body, and committees of graduates are working hard to insure the success of the project.

A gymnasium has been needed here for a long time and we are thrilled with the realization that our boys may possibly have the advantages that such a structure will provide. It will be strictly ulitarian, and although the facility we seek will be a modest structure it will provide, in addition to the physical education training requisites, facilities for dramatic and as-

sembly programs and more adequate areas for rehearsals and concerts of our musical groups.

Many of our friends have rallied to aid this cause in a financial way. As you read this article won't you consider showing interest and support also? Help us to provide our boys with facilities to further insure their proper physical growth. Your gift will be a fine investment in American youth and may be mailed to the School in care of Headmaster Pearl.

Our Board of Trustees is working vigorously to achieve the goal we have set, and a representative from the Board will be glad to discuss this Gymnasium project with interested parties.

George G. Noren, '02

We were shocked and saddened when we learned of the death of George G. Noren, '02, at his home in West Yarmouth, on August 21. A past officer of the Alumni Association, and a former member of the school's Board of Trustees, he was held in the highest esteem by generations of Thompson's Island boys as well as fellow trustees of the Academy.

Mr. Noren, who was 71, was an employee of the Boston Globe for more than fifty years, and for the past quarter century he was Superintendent of Maintenance for that great newspaper. He has been in semi-retirement for the past two years.

His avocation was music, and for many years he was a member of the Aleppo Temple Shrine Band, among other groups. He seldom missed a major concert by our school band, and was deeply concerned that our boys receive proper musical instruction.

His hobby was baseball, and the loss of Boston's National League Club was a severe blow to him. He often recalled with pleasure the first game played at Braves Field, and the fact that the entire student body of our school was in the stands.

He was a life member of Aleppo Shrine and a member of Union Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and the Massachusetts Consistory in Boston. He was a charter member and past president of the Hour Glass Club of Boston.

He was a member of Siloam Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., in North Quincy and of the Boston Globe Quarter Century Club.

Funeral services were conducted in Waterman Chapel, in Boston, on Monday August 25.

We extend profound sympathy to Mrs. Noren and the family.

Topics in Brief

The girl scout troops of the South Boston area have held a two week day camp at Thompson's Island this month, with an average attendance of 80. Under very efficient leadership, the young girls were happily and busily occupied learning many types of scoutcraft, with strong emphasis placed on nature study and crafts. This girl scout program was operated entirely independently from our school routine. One could easily observe that this was a most worthwhile experience and it was a pleasure for us to make our campus available for such a grand purpose.

Our roofs have been given needed attention, the workmen being here several days this month. This important maintenance work has for years been supervised by our alumnus, Howard B. Ellis, Class of 1898, who for decades has headed his roofing contracting business. Roof gutters, drain pipes and the main building cupolas have been given special attention.

We very much appreciate the kindness of the Coast Guardsmen stationed at Boston Light for cooperating with us in

our Summer Camper day-long excursion at the famous landmark. It was certainly a highlight of our camp season. A chartered boat, the Barbara M., was used for the trip. The campers had a picnic lunch at the Light and enjoyed a stay of several hours at the historic site.

The BEACON comes to our readers this month in an envelope processed by our recently acquired addressograph machine. Mr. W. Irving Mayo, Director of the Kurn Hattin Homes. gave us invaluable assistance and advice concerning our mailing problem, which we fully appreciate. We are now equipped to address mail by machine, not only for the present, but for the forseeable future.

We are very pleased with the new classroom and library units which have resulted from the partitioning of the room in the main building which was used for a dining room until Bowditch was built. The workmen have about completed the project and we have been promised delivery of furnishings in time for the opening of school on September 8.

News of the Alumni

CHARLES EVANS, '66, one of our most distinguished alumni, is the subject of a current biographical work entitled *Charles Evans, American Bibliographer.* The author, Edward G. Holley, secured much of the information regarding the Thompson's Island boyhood of Mr. Evans by means of a personal visit made here some months ago. Although world-wide honors had been given Mr. Evans during his active career, we are glad that his monumental accomplishments are being recorded in this one volume work.

HAROLD DODGE LOWERY, JR., '47, was married on August 16 to Patricia Joan O'Brien at Saint Joseph's Church in Somerville. We are certainly delighted and extend our best wishes. We hope that the happy couple will visit Thompson's Island soon so that we may extend personal congratulations.

LESLIE H. BARKER, '13, we are sorry to report, died recently at his home in New Bedford, Mass.

Theodore Wayne Jones, 7 lb. 11 oz., became high ruler of the Jones' home on July 11, time 1:30 a. m. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy parents, Marlene and Theodore Jones, '50.

WILLIAM P. DUFAULT, '41 whose home is in Eastondale, Mass., sends word that his service address is: S-Sgt. William P. Dufault, AF 11178067, Hdqs. Sqdn. Sec. 321st Bomb. Wing, Pinecastle AFB, Orlando, Florida.

FREDERICK E. MUNICH, '20, who is doing a grand job as a committee head in our Gymnasium fund alumni drive, writes that he has had pleasant visits with some of our alumni in regard to the Fund drive, and that he has planned more personal calls. He has long been active in our alumni association, always retaining a deep personal interest.

JAMES ANDERSON graduated from Quincy High School last June where he did well. He is now working in a chain food store in Quincy.

DAVID G. HAEGER, '42, has two daughters, one two years old and the other five months. He enjoys his home in Ridgefield, Conn., to the extent that he is willing to commute 65 miles daily to his work in New York City. He writes of his interest in the forward steps which the school has taken during the past few years.

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A Visit to the Boston Globe

The senior-junior college English class recently toured the new Boston Globe newspaper plant. A courteous guide escorted our group through the Editorial and Technical departments, where many of the production steps undertaken in a modern newspaper plant were explained.

One of the highlights of the instructive and thoroughly enjoyable trip was the sight and sound of the giant presses printing a morning edition of the *Globe.*

We appreciate very much the courtesy shown our group on this tour. The trip to the plant was especially meaningful, for some of our graduates are employed by the Company, and over the past several decades other alumni have held important posts with this great Boston newspaper.

New Motion Picture Equipment

Our sound moving picture projector, in continual use for eighteen years, has been replaced by a new Bell & Howell machine. Our old projector had been giving us trouble repeatedly, and inasmuch as we are using films more and more in our academic department, it was a wise move to purchase new audio visual equipment. Films are used weekly in nearly all of our classes, arrangements for this service being made with the Boston Public Library and other sources.

A Church Group Visits Us

It was our pleasure to act as host for the Ruggles Street Baptist Church choir of Boston as the group held its annual outing at our school on September 13. Softball, beach games and swimming made up the program for the day. In the early evening a brief retreat was held by the Deacons of the Church, and the two pastors, James T. Ryder and John DeBrine. We have had the most pleasant associations with the Ruggles Street Church for decades, and it was good to see old friends once again.

A Reprint

We have received many congratulatory messages as a result of a feature story in the April 8 *Boston Traveler.* Written by one of Boston's top newspapermen, the article is complemented by three excellent photographs. Following, in part, is the article.

Hisioric Thompson Academy Band Only One Of Island School's Assets

By CAMERON DEWAR

This is the White House calling. Is it true that your band is the oldest school band in the country?

The result of this call a year ago was a telegram from President Eisenhower congratulating the Thompson Academy Band. It was then celebrating its 100th anniversary.

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"Congratulations on a century of working together and supporting the finer things of life . . ." the telegram read in part.

Older still, of course, is the school itself. It was in 1813 when several "worthy citizens of Boston" became concerned over the "plight of young boys who were without adult supervision."

The next year a school was opened and in 1833 it was moved to its present site on Thompson's Island. Until two years ago it was known as The Farm and Trades School. Then the name was changed to Thompson Academy.

Records of the band give an idea of just how far back it reaches into history. When the Civil War broke out, the band was four years old. Along with their director, John Ripley Morse, 16 members enlisted in the Union Army as musicians.

Through the years members have kept on making their mark in the musical world. Four ex-members played in the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Back in 1859 the boys began entertaining their parents at the annual spring concert in Faneuil Hall. Under the present Conductor, Frank L. Warren, they are keeping up the tradition. Serving as assistant is Clifton E. Albee.

The 100th anniversary concert was a special one. The state and city sent greetings and messages of congratulations were received from notables outside the state.

The teaching of music is only one of the practical activities of the school. The progams for the concerts and all the promotional literature are printed by the boys at Thompson. This is part of a legacy left from the old Farm and Trades School.

The school today is actually an academy. It is now in its second year of

offering a four-year high school college preparatory course.

Most of the youngsters are from the Boston area although there is at least one boy from each of the New England states. Several other states are also represented. Most of the boys have been brought by parent, pastor, or alumni.

The capacity of the school is about peak. There are 95 boys served by a teaching staff of seven.

The Band has earned an outstanding record. But music is only one of the school's accomplishments. Sports play a big part in the boy's training and the school has placed high in competition with its baseball, football and basketball teams.

The School has a woodworking shop and the boys are urged to try their hands there as well as in the kitchen and bakery.

On top of the scholastic routine the boys must spend two hours a day on assignments in the shops, the dairy, at farm work, maintenance of the boats or janitor service.

"This may be a little old-fashioned," says Headmaster Pearl. "It's rather like the old days when a kid came home from school and had to help out with the chores. Strangely enough, the boys get a kick out of it."

There's an open invitation for the public to visit the school.

Topics in Brief

The month of August, and in fact the entire summer season, were busy periods for us in many ways. In particular, we were hosts to many groups who held outings here. Several thousand guests became better acquainted with Thompson's Island, and for many others the trips were first introductions to Thompson Academy. Each visiting group planned and directed its own program, thus the actual services performed by us were held to a minimum, although we were always alert to be of help when needed.

Mr. Frank L. Warren, who has conducted our school band since 1923, has resumed his weekly rehearsals with our group. The band numbers 20, but with many of the new students beginning music study we expect this number to reach about 35 by the time that our busy concert season arrives.

Classes for the new school year began on September 8. We have a full enrollment and look forward to a most successful year. Mr. Ralph M. Lindsey remains as our Supervisor of Instruction. Our teaching staff has undergone one change, Mr. John Gralenski replacing Mr. Samuel Sanderson as head of our Science Department.

Our school library has been enriched through the purchase of the Encyclopedia Americana, a work particularly suited to our needs. We do not feel that a finer investment could have been made at this time, for the encyclopedia has been designed purposely for use in high schools, and is regarded as an authority.

Football is king during the fall season at Thompson Academy. The schedules for both the varsity and the junior teams are printed in this issue. From early indications we expect to have a banner season. Raymond Thomas, John Lennon and William Cunning make up our coaching staff. All of our friends are invited to attend the games.

Mr. Fred Bazler spends two evenings weekly with us, teaching art and mechanical drawing, besides conducting a chorus and instrumental music group. He is an

excellent organizer, and his enthusiasm permeates the entire school. We anticipate excellent progress for those in his groups.

Our neighbors on Long Island have been building a tank type of structure. Just as our curiosity was getting the best of us, we received information regarding the structure. It is a 1,000,000 gallon water tank, and holds two-thirds of a day's supply for the island hospital. It is 40 feet in diameter and 114 feet high. It will soon be painted orange and white, in a checkerboard pattern. Red warning lights for aircraft will be controlled by an electric eye, which will be actuated by visibility or lack of it.

Varsity Football Schedule 1958

September 26
Rivers Country Day at Brookline
October 4
Thayer Academy at Braintree
October 10
Roxbury Latin at West Roxbury
October 18
Milton Academy 2nds at T. A.
October 25
Hatch Preparatory at Newport, R. I.
November 8
St. Andrews School at W. Barrington, R. I.
November 15
Matignon High JV's at T. A.

Junior Football

October 8
Belmont Hill at T. A.
October 17
Middlesex School at Concord
October 23
Rivers Country Day at T. A.
October 31
Thayer Academy at Braintree
November 5
Governor Dummer at T. A.

News of the Alumni

RICHARD E. DUQUET, '46, is employed by the Glenn L. Martin Corp. He was one of a group of 75, any of which could have had a signal honor, that of pulling the switch which sent the first satellite skyward. The honor fell to him by lot, and thus one of our alumni had a prominent part in the launching of the first successful Vanguard project.

The committee heads of our Alumni Gymnasium Fund Raising campaign held a meeting on September 19, at which plans for an active fall season were made. We are all very hopeful that the new building will be erected in the not-to-distant future.

PAUL D. KEITH, '47, having completed his college work is now employed by the General Electric Company, in the Promotion Department. His address is 45 Brington Rd., Brookline.

LOUIS A. TOWNE, '43, is a printing broker, with offices in Milwaukee. He would be pleased to meet Thompson Academy schoolday friends. His address is 5617 West Morgan Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM J. MARA, '42, is a member of the Burbank, California, Police Department. His address is 26 Boardman Ave., that city.

Alumni will soon receive notice of the annual alumni banquet. A pleasant evening is assured; please plan to attend.

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South Baptist Church Lecture

A very enjoyable evening was spent on October 15, at the South Baptist Church in South Boston, when we were invited to be a part of the Annual Harvest Supper of that church. Following a very fine meal Mr. Albee talked briefly about our school and then narrated while a series of over 100 colored slides were projected. For decades this church and our school have had very warm relations, and until recently our Baccalaureate services have been held there. It was a pleasure to meet friends, old and new, including the pastor, Mr. McCord, and Mrs. Hall, head of the Dinner Committee.

The French Class Dinner

On October 14 the French class had the pleasure of having luncheon at Madame DuBarry's French Restaurant, Newbury Street, Boston. As a special guest the class entertained Mlle. Marzin. She is an Instructor of French at the Boston School of Modern Languages. Mlle. Marzin was presented a corsage by the class. Conversation during the meal was entirely in French. The class enjoyed completely the scintillating personality of Mlle. Marzin and the excellent cuisine of the restaurant. Our Supervisior of Instruction, Ralph M. Lindsey, arranged this special party for the French students. The class thanks him for his interest.

A Visit to Fort Warren

A group of thirty-five boys, who had earned special commendation for dormitory room care, made an all-day visit to Fort Warren, George's Island, on October 4. The group was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey. A chartered boat was used for the trip.

Fort Warren has had a long and distinguished history as a federal government fortress. Many southern soldiers were imprisoned there during the Civil War. There were also political prisoners, including Henry Warfield, the grandfather of the Duchess of Windsor. The fort has often been called Boston's "Ocean Thermopylae."

Our group explored the mysterious dungeons, constructed to accommodate prisoners. The boys imagined all sorts of happenings, and it was easy to see that a confined man's life was difficult indeed. One of the legends connected with the fort concerns the "Lady in Black," who, during the Civil War, secretly made her way to the fort in an attempt to free her husband prisoner. Attempting to fire at the commandant, her flimsy gun exploded, killing her husband. She was sentenced to hang as a spy. Several times since her death soldiers at the fort claimed to have seen her ghost. The dark dungeons add to the mystery. This legend is one of the

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more famous of Boston Harbor tales.

Although the fort has been abandoned for some years, the great walls and ramparts give an excellent picture of the protection the fort offered Boston. New methods of warfare have made forts of this type obsolete, yet in their time they were important bulwarks of defense.

George's Island has recently been purchased by the Commonwealth, and it is expected that the Metropolitan District Commission will shortly begin work making Fort Warren an attractive place for summer visitors.

Library Assembly

It was our privilege to have as guest speakers at Assembly on September 26 the librarian, Mrs. Tuttle, and Miss Moorachian, the young people's advisor and librarian of the South Boston Public Library. Robert Grignon, President of the Student Council, introduced the speakers and was in charge of the assembly.

Mrs. Tuttle gave a general outline of the modern library, and then traced its history. Miss Moorachian explained how to use a library, and gave much valuable information.

Arrangements were made for juniors and seniors to take out library cards, and a deposit of vocational books was added to our school library. These particular books will be of much service to our boys in their search for guidance in this important field.

A motion picture, "The Library Story," was shown, which emphasized many of the points brought out by the speakers.

We appreciate very much the kindness of Mrs. Tuttle and Miss Moorachian in bringing us this very worthwhile program. For many years we have had a branch deposit of Boston Public Library

books on our shelves and have had the most pleasant associations with the main library in Copley Square. Now we are doubly fortunate in having this personal contact with the leaders in the South Boston branch of the library.

Topics in Brief

Our religious services this year are being conducted by Gary Smothers, a student at Andover Newton Theological Seminary. Mr. Smothers is a native of Iowa. His wife will assist him in his work here. She also comes from Iowa, and is a teacher in the Lexington public school system. Several of our boys will have an active part in our Sunday services. Mr. and Mrs. Smothers have many qualifications which will make their work here very much worthwhile. Both are dedicated people and have many varied interests. Their hobbies include reading, music and athletics.

Our football team opened its season on September 26, losing to Rivers Country Day School 20-0 at Brookline. The schedule for the season is printed in this issue and our readers are invited to attend the games, especially those played at the School. Come,—cheer the team!

Our art class of twenty boys is doing some mighty fine work in still life pencil sketching. The group meets once weekly and it would be difficult indeed to find a busier, happier area than the art room. The interest and value of the course is such that in another year we hope to have a well equipped large studio where added time and more complete facilities will make the work even more meaningful.

Our drill team has been organized for this year. Charles Rolfe, father of one of the members, is assisting in instructing the boys. Although only instituted two years ago, the boys have made several appearances with excellent success.

A dance orchestra has been rehearsing under the capable direction of Mr. Bazler. The boys are learning standard favorites, and have made much progress. Before the days of mechanical sound systems we could always boast of a fine dance orchestra, made up of the boys, and it is good to see this musical hobby activated. The members, who are advanced players in our school band, greatly enjoy the orchestra rehearsals.

We have acquired 150 of the seats formerly used at Boston's Mechanics Building. They are excellent for use in our assembly hall. Sturdily built, they come in sets of five, and may be folded for temporary storage. We have also received from the same source several portable tables which will be used principally for outdoor purposes.

School was suspended for Columbus Day, and most of the boys enjoyed a three day weekend at home. Our terms are nine weeks in length, and this holiday came midway in our first term, a welcome respite.

Our seniors visited Purdy's studio in Boston on October 10 for the purpose of having graduation photographs taken. This studio has been particularly helpful to us and we appreciate the assistance it has given us with our photographic needs.

Student Council Representatives

Robert Grignon, Pres.	Kenneth Ford, V. Pres.
Donald Taylor	Donald Corliss
Thomas McIntyre	Alfred Watts
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Thomas Cronin, Sec'y	John Beeman, Sec'y-Treas.
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Sophomores	Freshmen
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George Sayer, Sec'y-Treas.	Malcolm McCormick, Sec'y-Treas.

Grade Eight
President — Ronald Milton
Vice. Pres. — Robert Marston

News of the Alumni

ROBERT W. SANBORN, '50, attended Rutgers University and earned a scholarship for further study in Europe. During his summer vacations he has worked for the Boston Symphony Orchestra at the Tanglewood concert series at Lenox. From all indications he will soon have an important post doing government work, probably in Europe.

RANDOLPH S. ENGLISH, '38, who heads his own business, the York Sight Sound Recording Co., is preparing a sound on slide film lecture for Thompson Academy. Mr. English was in radio promotion work until recently, when he organized the York concern. His address is 346 Fulton St., Troy, New York, N. Y.

ROBERT W. DUQUET, '43, will be a candidate for Braintree Selectman in the next election. A vigorous young lawyer, we are confident that our alumni and friends in that town will give serious consideration to his qualifications for office. His address is 168 Parkside Avenue, in Braintree.

GORDON GOODWIN, '38, was visited recently by two of our younger graduates. Mr. Goodwin is manager of the Marlin Beach Hotel, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

CLARENCE H. COLBURN, '21, studied agriculture at the University of New Hampshire after leaving our school, and has operated a farm in the New Hampshire Lakes Region for a good many years. His mail address is Rochester, N. H.

CECIL A. MORSE, '28, visited us during a trip he took through New England this past summer. For many years he has been an oil distiller in Texas. His avocation has always been athletics, and he is authorized to officiate any non-professional game. Little league baseball has been added to his high school and college baseball, basketball and football work. His address is 411 E. DeFee Ave., Baytown, Texas.

IVERS E. WINWILL, '25, holds the rank of Sergeant in the Boston Police Department. He is a member of the harbor station force, and we often see his picture in the Boston papers in connection with harbor police work. He is a past president of our alumni association, and is the vice chairman ot the alumni Gymnasium fund raising drive.

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The Parents Council Meeting

Wednesday evening, October 22, marked the first meeting of the Thompson Academy Parents Council, with the new president, Emmet Weber, in the chair. Mrs. Elizabeth Hersey was at her customary place at the Secretary's desk. About seventy parents attended, and six teachers, who were introduced by Headmaster Pearl. Each teacher outlined his courses and the methods used, and discussed the goals which he is seeking for his students.

Highlights of the evening included several important questions asked by the parents, with considerable stress being placed upon the advisability of compulsory study hours and the weekends away from the school plan. It was the general impression that the discussion which followed questions dealing on these matters was of much value to everyone.

Visitations with the teachers followed the meeting. The parents were thus afforded an opportunity to ask questions regarding the progress being made by their sons, and to discuss the factors which affect academic grades achieved.

The meeting, which was held at the Science Museum was judged to have been very successful, both by the parents and the staff members. The large attendance was most gratifying. All parents, of course, are warmly welcome at the Parents Council meetings.

Veterans Day Program

A Veterans Day program was held in our chapel on November 11. Mr. Lindsey, our Supervisor of Instruction, was in charge of the exercises and was assisted by other members of the academic staff. The service was impressive and dignified, as befitting the day. Those who took part deserve great credit for their work.

The program was as follows:

Hymn—America

Reading of Governor's Proclamation
Bernard Woods

Prayer
Thomas Parker

Reading—The Four Freedoms
Walter Frazier

Reading—U. N. Charter Preamble
Joseph Cristoferi

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Benediction

The Quincy Civic Parade

Our Band and drill team participated in the annual Veterans Day Observance in Quincy on November 11. Our boys had been invited by the Wollaston

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American Legion Post, and represented that group. We left the Island early enough to enjoy a fine breakfast in the Legion home at 8:30 and from there went to the Ross Parkingway in Quincy to await the start of the parade, which began at 10:30. Dignified and inspiring exercises were held at Adams Academy, the speakers including several prominent in civic and national affairs. After this ceremony the parade re-formed and proceeded to the Quincy Armory, where a lunch was served. Our boys performed very creditably, and were invited to return for the next civic parade, on Memorial Day. We particularly thank Arthur Senter, of the Wollaston Post, for his help with our group.

The Alumni Banquet

The Annual Banquet of the Alumni Association was held in the Morse Auditorium of the Museum of Science on Saturday, November 15. Nearly one hundred members and guests attended, including twelve members of the senior class. Our retiring Association president, Charles Rolfe, was his usual genial self as he acted the part of toastmaster.

Preceding the banquet there was an opportutniy to view the main museum exhibits. This was an outstanding feature of the evening, particularly so as Museum people acted as guides and did everything possible to make our tour meaningful. It was gratifying to note also the continued growth of the Museum, for certainly the institution may be rightly called the pride of Boston and of all New England.

After a tasty chicken dinner came the introduction of guests. Mr. B. Y. Kihlstrom, who for forty years has played a vital role in the life of Thompson Academy boys, was given a standing ovation. Robert R. Kitching, a staff member for

thirty years was given a warm reception, as was Frank L. Warren, who has directed our band since 1923.

Speakers included Ralph E. Stevens, our Director of of Admissions, who gave a detailed study of the work he does for the Academy. Mr. Stevens was warmly applauded for his careful report. Raymond Thomas, our athletic director, told of the progress being made in sports, and outlined his hopes for continued growth of this department.

Richard Kleber, lecturer for the Museum, then gave a most interesting lecture on space travel. Illustrated with intricate mechanisms for showing the path of planets though space, this was certainly a marvelous demonstration. We hope that every school pupil within several hundred miles of the Museum may have the opportunity of attending this educational and inspiring lecture, which will be a feature of the Museum's program in the coming months.

Our Headmaster, Houghton D. Pearl, was next introduced. He spoke very briefly of activities at the school and then implied that he would let pictures tell the rest. Randolph S. English, '37, had visited the school on several occasions quite recently making a synchro-slide film of the story of Thompson Academy. The resultant product was shown and was most enthusiastically received. More than one hundred colored slides tell a rather complete story, the narration being by Clifton E. Albee, Secretary of the Alumni Association. Several alumni spoke of using this sound film as a program feature for their church, social, or fraternal group, which is precisely the purpose for which it was made. We hope that the "Thompson Academy Story" may have wide and constant showings. Mr. English, and the others who had a part in the preparation of the film certainly appreciate the many complimentary remarks made on its overall excellence.

The meeting closed with remarks of appreciation to Stephen J. Zevitas, '47, and his committee for planning what proved to be a truly inspiring and stimulating Thompson Academy evening.

The thanks of the Association are extended Clyde W. Albee, '33, for his work and effort on behalf of the alumni. A member of the staff for many years before the "new" museum was constructed, Mr. Albee has helped immeasurably as our group has used the admirable facilities at Science Park.

Topics in Brief

Our senior and junior history classes are having a very interesting series of debates. On October 31 the subject was "Resolved that modern machinery on farms does not put men out of jobs." The affirmative team was Robert Grignon and Thomas Cronin, and the negative speakers Frank Besecker and Donald Corliss. A panel of four judged the negative team the victors. A forum, open to class members and guests, followed the formal debate, and participation was active. One week later, on November 6, the subject was: "Resolved that the United States should stay out of the Formosa situation." The negative team, John Kryzanowski and Vladmir Sunda, defeated the affirmative team of Kenneth Ford and Theodore Weber.

Our football season ended on Nov. 15. The varsity won three games, and lost three. Through a misunderstanding, the seventh game was not played as scheduled, our opponents not making an appearance. Inasmuch as many had come to see football, including several alumni, a team was rather hastily assembled, and a game played. Surprising enough, it

wasn't too bad a game either, and the players on both teams enjoyed the contest. No sooner were the football uniforms put away when basketball and wrestling practice started, and these sports will take up much of theboys' recreational interests until spring.

The junior varsity team won two and lost three games. The schedule and scores of the football teams are printed below.

A second group of our boys made a guided tour of the new Boston Globe plant. To see how the newspaper of today is prepared, from the first typewritten sheet of copy to an edition coming from the giant presses, is a thrilling experience. Then, too, on our trips we have found the Globe people most courteous and helpful, and our visits very meaningful.

Our Hallowe'en observance was in the form of a Fox and Hounds game, the foxes being the seniors. The foxes were given a 30 minute start, and could hide anywhere on the Island. Then, for an hour and a half they were hunted by the other boys. As befitting the custom, very few seniors were "taken." Following this game a campfire party was held on the beach, with cider and doughnuts being served. The evening was a great success, and a fine way to observe Hallowe'en.

Football Schedule and Scores

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Nov. 5 T. A. 38 vs Governor Dummer 12

News of the Alumni

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association took place on November 15, at the Museum of Science, in Boston, with President Charles O. Rolfe in the chair. A report of the progress of the alumni participation in our Gymnasium fund was made by the Fund chairman, Harold W. Edwards. It was evident that, although we have made a good start, there is much work to do on this Fund. The newly elected officers' names are printed in this column.

S-SGT. WILLIAM L. GLENNON, '52, was a welcome visitor on November 18. He is librarian of the Mitchell Air Force Band, an outstanding organization of some 55 musicians. He is married, has a daughter, and is enthused with his work.

His address is: 581st AF Band, Mitchell AF Base, Long Island, New York.

GEORGE H. BRUCE, '45, taught last year at the University of New Hampshire, and at the same time completed work for his Master's degree. He is now attending the University of Rochester, working for his Ph.D. in English Literature. He hopes to achieve this degree in June 1960, and then will have, as he says, his "union card" to enter the teaching profession. He is grateful to the School's Bacon Fund which has helped him along the way.

He is married and has two daughters, Elizabeth 2½ and Hillary, four months old. The Bruces live at 25 West Street, Fairport, New York.

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Mr. Pearl Speaks at West Acton

Our Headmaster, Houghton D. Pearl, gave our sound film presentation, "The Thompson Academy Story," at the December meeting of the West Acton Men's Club, on Monday evening, December 8. The members of the Club had planned to have this illustrated lecture for some time and it was with pleasure that Mr. Pearl participated. After the film showing, which took twenty minutes, Mr. Pearl spoke regarding the philosophy of the School and answered several general and pertinent questions. It was a fine meeting, and the Club members were happy to have a clear picture of Thompson Academy brought to them by Mr. Pearl and the film. The hope was expressed that this sound film would have wide use and we trust that this will be the case. For our part we add that it will be a pleasure to present the film at church, civic or fraternal group meetings. We await invitations.

Library Field Trip

On December 10 the combined junior-senior United States History classes were the guests of the South Boston branch of the Boston Public Library. Miss Moorachian, young adult librarian and advisor, arranged for the boys to view documentary films on causes leading to World War I and World War II. Books on this period were discussed by Miss Moorachian, and the historic recording made by Edward R. Morrow, "I Can Hear it Now," was played. Our sincere thanks are extended Miss Moorachian, and other library staff members, for their most cordial and courteous cooperation. This field trip was certainly an educational highlight, and very much appreciated by our thirty boys in attendance.

Rainbow Mothers Club Meeting

On December 8 Mr. Albee had the pleasure of attending the annual Christmas Party of the Dorchester Rainbow Girls Mothers Club. He spoke briefly about the School, and then projected a series of colored slides of the Academy. A question period followed the pictures. Although many in the audience had some knowledge of our school, and some had visited the Island, the group was pleased to have a general overall picture of the work of Thompson Academy. The meeting, held at the Dorchester Temple Baptist Church, was a happy and successful event.

Seniors and Juniors Attend B. U. Play

The senior and junior class members attended the opening performance of "The Love Doctor," a new musical play, on December 10. The play was staged by the Boston University Division of Theatre Arts. The student cast and orchestra did a fine piece of work in the

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

One of our young graduates is completing work for his Doctor's degree. The educational goal that he has reached has not been easily achieved. Were it not for sheer determination, words of encouragement, and financial aid, (including a loan from our School's Bacon Fund), this gifted young man might have had to forego much of his advanced education.

This is a free country. We do not regiment our youth—nor do we need to. We need to help them. Too many of our talented high school graduates do not go on to college because they simply haven't the money. As a Nation we cannot long afford to have gifted youth fail to realize their full potential when a pat on the back and a few dollars will keep the door to education open.

We have permitted ourselves to become too complacent. The sputniks shocked us, it is true. Yet a great daily proclaimed "Now We're Ahead," in scare headlines upon the launching of the latest U. S, satellite. Ahead of whom? Presumably Russia. Yet Dartmouth's professor, George Z. Dimitroff, says that "In twenty years Russia will be so far ahead of us it is doubtful that we can ever catch up."

It so happens that a science textbook written by Professor Dimitroff is widely used in this country and in Russia. We use it as a collegiate text. In Russia it is the required text for high school tenth graders.

As a Nation we need to raise our high school standards. Then we must see that the gifted student is placed in college. Encouragement must be given, and adequate financial aid if necessary. The ambitious, determined youngster must be helped.

All too frequently we have allowed our potential great mathematician, chemist, electronics expert, or physicist to slide into quiet oblivion when a few under-

standing and encouraging words and a few dollars would have sent him to college and permitted him to develop his true potential.

The world of tomorrow will not belong to the brave and the strong. It will belong to the brave and the strong *and* the highly educated.

Topics in Brief

Our school boat, the PILGRIM III has been in drydock recently for winterizing of the hull. Certain repairs were made at this time also, for we make every effort to insure the ultimate in safety and efficiency for our floating equipment, and it is always necessary to be extremely vigilant and ever on the alert for possible trouble.

Basketball is king during the winter months, and our varsity and junior squads have had their early drill sessions. Every indication points to a good season for our teams. Soon intramural teams will be organized and we hope to have every boy playing basketball on a team suited to his age and general athletic ability.

Our school band has been holding rehearsals regularly, and the boys are learning pieces they will perform at the coming concerts and festivals. Our genial band director, Frank L. Warren, comes once weekly to teach the boys. Our band is in its 102nd year, and Mr. Warren has been director for the past 35. The opportunity for instrumental study is available to every student, and we have always had many competent performers.

We are continually checking and rechecking our fire fighting equipment, alarms, and drill procedure so as to be fully prepared for any fire emergency. Our primary concern, of course, is for the safety of the students. In fact we can roll check everyone on Thompson's Island within a three minute period. Our fire fighting company is directed by our Supervisor of Maintenance, Charles Baxter, and we always hope that we will be able to arrest a fire until help arrives from the harbor fire department. Although we have never had a major conflagration on Thompson's Island, we are always alert to the possibility and are ever watchful.

A factual and rather complete article dealing with Thompson Academy appeared in the October 16 edition of the New York Herald Tribune. The author, Al Laney, did an outstanding piece of writing in bringing the present philosophy of our school to the Tribune readers. Mr. Laney for many years was a sports writer, and only recently decided to do a series on preparatory schools. It is our understanding that these school articles are to be published by Doubleday. We have copies of this piece which our readers may have upon request.

The student council, under the leadership of the president, Robert H. Grignon, sponsored a dance party on November 22, at which thirty couples attended. Our public address system and records provided good music. The committees all did a fine job with the result that the evening was a great success.

We have been using the facilities of the motion picture department of the Boston Public Library and several fine films have been used in conjunction with our class work. We appreciate the excellent cooperation of the library officials who are in charge of this department.

We extend to our readers sincere wishes for the best in 1959. May the new year bring happiness, success and prosperity to all.

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production, and afforded a great deal of pleasure to a near capacity audience. It was certainly a lively and attractive performance, given by a well trained and rehearsed cast. The songs are tuneful, probably the better ones being "Carefree Heart," and "Would I Were." Mr. Campiola, who heads our English department, made the arrangement for our boys to attend the play.

A Thanksgiving assembly was held in our chapel on November 25. The service was directed by Mr. Lindsey, and opened with appropriate selections by the school band. Denis Ingham read the Thanksgiving Day proclamation by Governor Furcolo. A short motion picture, appropriate to the Thanksgiving theme, was projected. The service closed with the singing of "America" and the pledge of Allegiance.

The seniors and juniors have been having a very fine series of weekly debates. Each debate is followed with an open forum when the speakers do their best to answer questions from the floor. Two of the quite provocative debates have been on the subjects: "Resolved that the United States should have a woman president," and "Military training should be a part of every high school education."

School was closed for the Thanksgiving recess from November 26 until December 1. Nearly all of the students were at home during this vacation. Those at the school enjoyed a fine holiday, which was featured by a roast turkey dinner, and an excellent movie for entertainment.

We are very happy with the new facilities provided for our library. The boys are making excellent use of them, and the work and expense involved have certainly proved to have been a fine investment. The library is the heart of the academic program and whatever is done to make it more efficient aids in the overall excellence of the classroom work accomplished by the students.

News of the Alumni

WILLIAM F. JAMES, '57, is in the U. S. A. F. and is stationed at the Hunter A. F. Base, in Georgia. He visited the school not long ago and spoke enthusiastically of his work in the service.

WILLIAM D. DELOREY, '37, is making a career in the armed forces. He is nearing the 20 year mark in service, and is presently stationed at Sumter, South Carolina. He is a T-Sergeant.

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Stephen V. R. Crosby

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Stephen Van Renselaer Crosby on January 3. He was 91.

Mr. Crosby was a prominent Boston banker and investment counselor. He was devoted to the welfare of Thompson Academy, and served as a Trustee of our school for nearly a half century. His sage counsel was of real value to the Board, and to the three headmasters who served during his tenure as Trustee.

He was thoroughly interested in every phase of Thompson Academy, but it was to the boys themselves that he gave his principal attention. Hundreds of our students are proud posessors of S. V. R. Crosby athletic cups and other awards.

Mr. Pearl Speaks at Wollaston

Our Headmaster, Mr. Pearl, accompanied by Mr. Albee, attended the regular January meeting of the Wollaston Post of the American Legion in Wollaston on the evening of January 16. The members of the Post have become actively interested in our School and wished a first-hand account of the work being done on Thompson's Island. Mr. Pearl told of the present philosophy of the Academy and then projected the film, "The Thompson Academy Story." After the showing the members asked many questions which were answered, with discussion following. It is hoped that we may follow this initial meeting with others in which our Band and Drill Team may have a part. The members were happy to have our School as a topic for the meeting and we were delighted to present our story for such an appreciative audience.

The Teen Age Council

The Teen Age Council meets regularly at the South Boston Public Library. The members are selected as representative students of the secondary schools of this area. Robert H. Grignon has been selected to speak and act with authority for the students of Thompson Academy. Warren R. Lindsey is the alternate. We hope and expect that this association with the student bodies of other schools will give our boys a more complete view of the problems and thinking of teen agers in the community.

French Class Movie

Our French class had a pleasant experience on January 14, that of viewing the film, "La Famille Matin." As may be surmised from the title, the dialog was completely in French. It concerned the story of the everyday life of a typical French family, and stressed the vocabulary used in the home. It was surprising

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We were observing a small group of our older boys doing a bit of tree surgery the other day. A strong wind had broken a few limbs from one of our lovely shade trees. The boys sawed off these limbs, then painted the sawed parts to preserve the tree. Those who know our island will applaud this and every attempt made to protect the invaluable tree-shaded quality of our beautiful Thompson's Isle campus.

At the same time another group was painting the exterior woodwork on the northern end of the Main Building. While we did not note it, there was no doubt other maintenance work being done at the same time. There always is much to do.

Now, without minimizing the practical training value of such work, we agree that such undertakings as these are in themselves reasonably minor affairs. Inasmuch as they apply only to the physical plant of Thompson Academy they may seem a bit removed from the field of Education. Yet, in preserving the admirable features of our School, and at the same time making needed improvements, we symbolize somewhat our aims and desires on the educational level.

That is to say, we must place a strong insistence upon the unchanging values and, at the same time, show an eagerness to incorporate new knowledge and discoveries. Thus we move steadily ahead along a path which will permit us to give greater and greater service to our boys. May we always cling to the good things of the past, while seeking and utilizing the best of the new.

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how much of the dialog our boys could grasp, even though much was in the idiomatic tongue. The boys enjoyed the showing, which was arranged for by the audio-visual department of the Boston Public Library.

Miss Engler's Visit

It was our privilege to have a discussion on biographies in general, and then a review of six important works, given on January 12 by Miss Martha Engler, of the South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library. Miss Engler spoke to our seventh and eighth graders. She is reading advisor for this age group in the South Boston public library.

Miss Engler held the complete attention of our boys as she reviewed two biographies of Albert Schweitzer, one by Manton and the other by Daniels. She then spoke of the merits of four other biographies, "Amos Fortune" by Yates, "Thomas Jefferson," by Judson, "Exploits of Xenephon" by Household, and "Protector of the Indians" by Jones. She aroused the interest of our boys in these books, and left copies of each on deposit in our library so that the boys could read them.

Miss Engler was our guest for lunch, at which time she was introduced to the other members of the student body. It is well for our boys, who use the South Boston library, to know personally so many of the staff members there.

The Boston Public Library is recognized as one of the finest in the country, and we are fortunate in having access to the admirable facilities of that institution. The library staff members are particulary helpful to us. This visit by Miss Engler is a typical example. We appreciate very much her fine contribution to our educational program.

Topics in Brief

Our art group has been doing some splendid work under the direction of Mr. Fred Bazler, of the Massachusetts School of Art. The boys had the pleasure of making their Christmas cards by means of linoleum block printing. Some of the cards were noteworthy as to quality, and all of the boys enjoyed this project tremendously. At present the class is studying the major highlights in commercial art, and have been analyizing samples taken from current periodicals.

Our younger boys are taking part in an arts and crafts group which meets one evening each week. The boys are working on such projects as belts, key cases, wallets and similiar leather items. Later we hope to do some metal work. It is excellent training and a fine pre-sloyd course.

Through the cooperation of the Massachusetts Heart Association many of our boys were shown a film giving a general outline of the functions of the heart on January 19. The film was of real value and pictorially gave our boys much practical and helpful advice. We appreciate the help and interest of the Association.

We warmly appreciate the hundreds of greeting cards which were received at Christmas season. They came from graduates, former students and instructors, and other friends. Many were original, and the photographic cards were especially attractive. Our alumnus, the Rev. Theodore B. Hadley, '21, has for thirty years annually sent us Christmas greetings in the form of an original poem. We hope that Mr. Hadley will have these poems published eventually, for such a volume would make a fine addition to our Christmas literature.

On January 19, through the kindness of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Senior Veterans Auxilliary, Mrs. Viola Geyer, Patriotic Instructor, two beautiful nylon American flags, with gold wall brackets, were given us for our History

and English classrooms. We certainly appreciate this fine gift. Last year, our readers may recall, the same organization gave us two flags so that now our principal classrooms proudly boast an American flag. We are greatly indebted to the Auxilliary, Mrs. Geyer and Mrs. Rushforth, for the interest shown in our school.

The basketball season began just after the Christmas recess. Three intramural four-team leagues will play one game weekly for nine weeks. The interest in these leagues is high and will remain so throughout the winter, for basketball is one game in which all of the boys may participate, with leagues being organized so that the competing teams are reasonably equal in athletic ability. The varsity will have a busy season, with the team playing two games weekly. The junior varsity also has a full schedule arranged. Our Gardner Hall basketball court will be a busy place this winter, with more than fifty games being played there.

Professional sports in this country present an intereresting study, for across the nation more and more territory is opening up to "big league" teams. We have seen it happen in baseball just recently, and now both basketball and hockey franchises are being sought by many of the larger cities, particularly on the west coast. At our school the students follow the Boston teams avidly, and we plan to have them see the home teams as opportunity allows. Just recently a group watched the champion Celtics perform and another group saw the Bruins.

News of the Alumni

PAUL CALLOE, '47, is a junior at Northeastern University. He is the regular center on the basketball team, and his play against Harvard in a recent game drew considerable praise from Boston sportswriters. He lives at 22 Day Street, Jamaica Plain.

MALCOLM E. CAMERON, '19, is "keeping out of mischief" as Chapter Advisor for DeMolay in Derry, N. H. He obtains a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction from working with the 72 members of this group. Mr. Cameron is a building contractor by trade, but finds time for his avocation as an entertainer. Those who have seen his work agree that he is tops in the field of entertaining magic. His home address is Sandown, N. H.

The Boston Globe's Santa Claus fund was given a boost by WILLIAM M. HALL, Class of 1927, and his Yankee Division Band during the holiday season. The Band gave a concert in the foyer of the new Globe building, playing Christmas selections beautifully arranged in modern musical dress. Bandmaster Hall and his fine band were featured in a picture series in the Globe as the paper summarized the outstanding events of the very successful Santa Claus fund.

LESLIE R. JONES, '06 retired three years ago from the Boston Herald, where he had earned a reputation as one of New England's premier newspaper photographers. His interest in his lifetime work has not dimmed, however, for he and his Graflex are inseparable. He has been kind enough to do some work for us, taking pictures of football games and the school band. His series in the Sunday Herald, "Do You Remember?", has been nostalgic, taking the readers back several decades in pictorially describing outstanding events.

His address is: 80 Dakota St., Dorchester, Mass.

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February Parents Council Meeting

A meeting of the Thompson Academy Parents Council was held at the Museum of Science, Boston, on Wednesday evening, February 4. The president, Mr. Weber, was unable to be present and the presiding officer was the vice president, Mr. Lindsey.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Elmer Ficks. Mrs. Ficks, whose son David graduated last June, was very active in Parent Council endeavors. Her passing has saddened us, for she was a warm hearted, friendly person very much interested in Thompson Academy.

Mr. James McCarthy, father of Mrs. Cunning of the Academy staff, recently passed away. A silent period was observed in his memory and condolences expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Cunning.

Our Headmaster, Mr. Pearl, gave a brief resume of current school activities. He noted that 47% of the student body was on the second term Honor Roll, and urged the parents to encourage their boys to excel in their courses. He spoke of the Gymnasium fund, which appears to be nearing its goal, and the basketball season.

A feature of the evening was the panel discussion on the subject "How can the Parents Council best serve Thompson Academy?" With Mr. Lindsey as Moderator a very informative and interesting discussion took place on a number of subjects. Mr. Stevens, our Director of Admissions, told of the necessity of giving school activities a sensible evaluation, and urged the parents to get common interests in proper balance. Mrs. Weber, representing the parents, spoke of a wider social life for the students. Mrs. Hersey requested the parents to write their boys, as mail is important, even though their sons are home often. Mr. Albee told of the added activities for the younger boys, including the arts and crafts clubs which have been instituted this year under the capable leadership of Mr. Bazler, and the many field trips to Boston with their valuable educacational features.

Robert H. Grignon, '59, represented the student body. He mentioned several things, noting especially that a wider social life with mixed groups would be enjoyed.

Mr. Lindsey requested the parents to voice their opinions on the subjects brought up by the panel members. Many did, and their suggestions and advice is certainly of value in formulating conclusions.

The panel discussion was brought to a close by a summary of the topics presented. We are certain that excellent results will be forthcoming, for many of the suggestions were very practical and will be made realities.

Following the panel discussion there was a showing of the sound slide film,

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Liversidge

The other day one of our students, who had heard the name Liversidge several times, asked how it was connected with Thompson Academy. Certainly all our students should know the answer, and our other readers will be interested.

The Liversidge Institution of Industry was founded by Thomas Liversidge, the son of Stephen Liversidge, a starch manufacturer, with a factory in Dorchester. Thomas was one of four sons, and the last surviving member of the family. By his will he gave his land and the greater part of his estate to found the Liversidge Institute.

The Institute was situated on River Street, between Lower Mills Village and Mattapan. The grounds there embraced an area of sixty-two acres along the Neponset River. At the time of its founding, there were only a few scattered farm houses in the area, and the Institute had an admirable setting for a boys' farm school.

The Institute was founded in 1881 and for forty years was a home school for worthy boys. It did a fine work and cared for as grand a group of boys as could be found anywhere. But the area about the Institute became more thickly populated, and expenses increased rapidly. In 1921, because of many factors, chief among them being the lack of finances sufficient to continue to provide a high quality of educational training, the trustees decided to close the Institute until a different arrangement could be made.

The Liversidge trustees made a very careful appraisal of the situation and after a most thorough study took legal action to turn over to Thompson Academy the assets of the Institute. Thus Liversidge merged with Thompson. In this way the plans and hopes of the benefactor of Liversidge Institute could be carried forward.

It was in 1940 that Liversidge merged

with Thompson and the action marked the beginning of greater usefulness on the part of both schools. Thompson Academy is proud to help carry on the purposes, ideals and goals set up in 1881 by Thomas Liversidge for his school for worthy boys.

Topics in Brief

The basketball season is half over and our interscholastic and intramural competition has commanded the interests of all the boys. Win or lose, our varsity always plays a spirited game. Mr. Pearl coaches our boys and we are proud of our real good 1959 team. The younger boys are grouped in three intramural leagues. The teams are well matched and the games filled with excitement and interest.

We have made a change this year in our winter vacation, observing two short recesses instead of the former ten day vacation. The first recess was from Jan. 23 until Jan. 27. The second recess will be from Feb. 25 until March 1. The spring vacation begins on March 26 and extends until April 5. Most of the boys, we expect, will be at home during these periods.

So much has been said and written regarding the race problem in this country that one's thoughts on the subject may become easily confused. This is particularly true of young people. To provide a better understanding for our boys we secured the use of a very fine motion picture which graphically portrayed both sides of the race question in what seemed to be a fair, just and unemotional manner. The picture, which was shown on Jan. 30, made a good impression on our boys and was very much worth while.

We have instituted this year a nine piece dance orchestra which rehearses weekly under the leadership of Mr. Bazler. The group has learned several standard numbers, arranged for modern dance band. In addition they play many current popular songs with special arrangements. This music work is really fun, and the weekly rehearsals are very much enjoyed.

The radio club, which is open to all boys, meets weekly, and the members have just about mastered the Morse code. Some have hopes of passing the radio novice test soon, which is the first step in receiving a transmitter's license. The interest is high and the radio study very much worth while.

We have invested in a top quality sound 16mm motion picture projector. Our old machine, which gave excellent service for over 25 years was in need of expensive overhauling and the newer projectors have many valuable features not found in the older machines. We use the projector as a classroom aid, for many excellent teaching films are available for our use. Then, too, the Saturday night recreation movie show is very much enjoyed by the boys. We have top quality pictures, produced by the major companies, and do not waste time nor money projecting a cheap product.

One of the local newspapers has recently printed a rather long piece regarding the construction of a causeway from our island to Squantum. All we can is that we are always eager to promote anything which will enable us to do a greater service. A causeway would bring forth many problems, each of which would demand a complete and thorough study. Our readers may be assured that news of any such construction will be noted in the BEACON, and that the answer as to whether we will have a causeway is "Maybe, sometime," the same answer as has

been given since 1833, when Thompson Academy purchased Thompson's Island.

Our Sunday devotional services are being conducted by Gary Smothers, a student at Andover-Newton Theological School. Mr. Smothers has been discussing the Beatitudes on the past few Sundays. His services are interesting and on a level which our boys can appreciate. Mr. Smothers takes an active interest in all of the boys' activities and is doing a fine piece of work for us.

Parents Council Meeting

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"The Thompson Academy Story." This was received with much praise by the group, most of whom had not previously seen the film. The pictures and script were made at the school. The production work was done by Randolph S. English, '37, who heads the York Sight Sound Recording Company, Troy, New York. Professional in quality, the film gives a reasonably complete account of our school in about twenty minutes.

This meeting of the Parents Council was one of the best we have had in recent months. Those who attended were gratified that so many important points were brought up for discussion. Much was accomplished and the two hours which the meeting took were certainly well spent.

News of the Alumni

LEANDER E. DOREY, '23, retired on October 1, 1958 from the United States Marine Corps. He began his active career with the Corps in 1928 as a tuba player in a marine band. Later he entered the field of communication and electronics. At one time he was assistant aviation electronics officer at the Washington, D. C. headquarters. He entered the service as a private and retired as a captain. Ten years of his duty was spent overseas in the Pacific area. He is married and has two daughters.

He is Treasurer of the beautiful Community Methodist Church in his present home town, Costa Mesa, California. He expects to work at accounting, and to this end is enrolled in a University Extension course at the University of California.

We regret to note the death of JAMES D. WATT, '16, on February 9, 1957.

JACK HOBSON, '57, has sold his jewelry business and entered the employment of a concern quite near his Norton home. He writes that he has an addition to his family, a registered Guernsey cow, which his two 15 year old twins care for. He writes that his family has suffered considerable sickness during the past few months, but that now, happily, this appears to be a condition which has righted itself.

ROBERT W. CAIN, '53, served his "hitch" in the armed forces, and then entered the employ of Wood-Hu, manufacturers of custom-built and decorator-styled-kitchens. He learned the fundamentals of woodworking in our sloyd room, and increased his knowledge by additional training in the Brockton trade school. He is very happy in his work, for he is doing a job he can do well. His address is 51 W. Rosetter Street, Brockton.

DOUGLAS V. BRIGGS, '58, is a first year student at Suffolk University, in Boston. He enjoys his college work, and, like so many others, needs to work hard at English grammar and composition. He was a recent visitor.

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Thompson Tournament Champs

Hatch Preparatory School launched, at Newport, R. I. on February 21, the first annual Invitation Tournament for basketball teams from the New England area representing schools with enrollments under 100. Four teams competed, Hatch, Thompson, Rivers Country Day, and St. Andrews.

The first preliminary game was won by Rivers School, as that team defeated St. Andrews, 33-29. Our boys then played Hatch Prep in the second preliminary game. The spirit our boys showed was terrific and the team fought every inch of the way to emerge the victor, 39-37. Two foul goals by Larry Matson at a critical stage late in the game turned the score in our favor.

These games were played in the morning. The squads of the four teams were served lunch at Hatch Prep and later returned to the Rogers High gym for the continuation of the tournament.

The afternoon schedule began with a consolation game played between Hatch and St. Andrews. Hatch won, 42-31. After this game a foul shooting contest was held, with representatives from each team competing. Franklin Besecker placed for Thompson. Ed Whitmore of St. Andrews was the winner.

The championship game between

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Mr. Pearl Speaks at Cohasset

Our Headmaster, Mr. Pearl, fulfilled a speaking engagement for the Congregational Club of the Cohasset Beechwood Congregational Church on February 10. The members of the Club, and guests, were anxious to have a first-hand report of Thompson Academy, inasmuch as boys from their neighborhood had been students here. In fact, Mrs. Litchfield, the mother of one of our present students, had a big part in arranging this Thompson Academy night.

The Rev. William G. Sewell, pastor of the church, extended a warm welcome to Mr. Pearl and Mr. Albee, who were quickly made to feel at home with this very friendly church group. An old-fashioned tasty covered dish church supper was enjoyed, after which community singing was held.

A short club business meeting took place after which the program was turned over to Mr. Pearl. He spoke concerning the problems which beset young people today, and then specifically told of the part Thompson Academy has in building men. The film, "The Thompson Academy Story," was then projected. As has always been the case the synchronized slide film story was received with much praise. Following the film showing there was a question and answer period.

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William Phipps

William Phips, (or Phipps), has a relationship with Thompson Academy quite similar to that of David Thompson. Both owned property which eventually became the home of our school. But whereas David Thompson spent only a few short years in this locality, William Phips became famous throughout the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and became the first royal governor.

William Phips was the 21st in a family which boasted 26 children. He was "bound out" at an early age to learn the shipwright trade. When 18 he began work in a Boston shipyard.

Fate chose William to be the one famous citizen from the brood of the 26 Phips. He had an immensely colorful career. He fell in love with the daughter of a well-to-do merchant, who frowned upon William's intentions. He married his daughter to a more promising suitor. She shortly became a widow and William lost no time in marrying her. This was the first of three wishes he had.

A second wish was to be captain of one of the King's ships. This he accomplished by going to England, "selling" his ability to King Charles II, and securing the captaincy of HMS "Rose of Argier." With this ship he sailed to the Bahamas, located the wrecks of 15 Spanish galleons which had sunk in a storm some years previously. He returned to London and the royal mint closed for a week while the comptroller counted the treasure which Phips had recovered. His share was $100,000 with many fringe benefits,—a tremendous sum in those days. Naturally this exploit was not acheived without many dangers, including encounters with pirates, crew mutinies, and other serious incidents.

Now Captain Phips was ready to see that his third and final youthful wish was

fulfilled, that of building a fine mansion near the Old North Church. On Salem Street, then Green Lane, he built the superb mansion which he craved. It was one of the finest in the city, and from this "grand house" Sir William and Lady Mary ruled as governor and first lady.

Thus, the three bold, almost impossible wishes which William Phips made as a young man become realities. He married the girl of his choice, captained a King's ship, and owned the big mansion he so desired. He possibly did not hope of becoming the Royal Governor, which could hardly be called a secondary wish!

The beautiful home which he built became the property of Thompson Academy in 1820, and the school moved into its spacious quarters from its first home which was located at the corner of Cambridge and Lynde Streets.

Topics in Brief

Mr. Stevens and Mr. Albee attended the February meeting of the Children's Group Homes Association on February 17. The meeting took place in the beautiful Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy School in Hyde Park. Outstanding speakers and leaders of discussion groups included James W. Buckley, Richardson L. Rice, and William Beckler. There was opportunity to visit and inspect the Kennedy School which may be said to be an outstanding example of modern school building architecture.

A group of the seniors, accompanied by Mr. Pearl and three staff members, attended the ski jump exhibitions at Brattleboro, Vermont, on February 22. This was a part of the Brattleboro Winter Carnival. More than one hundred skiers competed, with the average jump around 180 feet. Needless to say, this was a thrilling ski meet, and our boys were amazed at the skill of the competitors.

We have been fortunate recently in having the use of two outstanding motion pictures. One was the story of scientists making a study of marine life. This film was in full color, and the photography excellent. It was, as the title indicated, a study of the silent world. The film has earned many richly deserved honors. A second film, which we recommend highly, is "Discovery," the account of the second expedition to the south polar regions made by Admiral Richard Byrd. It is an inspirational film, and graphically portrays the extent to which scientists will go in the endeavor to increase knowledge of the natural elements. These pictures were intensely interesting to our student body.

We have invested in a good quality tape recorder for use in our music and language classes. The instrument will also play pre-recorded stereophonic tapes. We hope and expect that this audio aid will prove of value in our work. It should be an excellent audio teaching aid.

Several of our boys attended a radio forum at the South Boston branch of the Boston Public Library recently. The radio personality, Jerry Williams, conducted the forum. It proved to be an interesting evening, with many points relative to Mr. Williams' work being discussed.

Our basketball team entered the Bay State tournament and was defeated by Harwich High on February 23. The game was played in the Falmouth high school gymnasium. Our team and rooting section numbered nearly forty. Although the weatherman promised warm and rainy conditions, we traveled the 90 miles to Falmouth in the midst of the winter's worst blizzard. Surprisingly, our bus made good time. For the team and boys it was high adventure, and a trip long to be remembered.

Basketball Tournament

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Thompson and Rivers began in the late afternoon. Our boys continued the fine work they had shown in the morning game and with terrific high spirit won 44 to 32.

Following this match awards were presented. Our team, as champions, received a large, handsome trophy which most certainly will have a post of honor in our new gymnasium. Co-captain Thomas Cronin of Thompson was adjudged the most valuable player in the tournament and was given a beautiful trophy. Each player on our championship team received a smaller trophy.

The tournament was a distinct credit to the director, Nap C. Dufault, Jr., Director of Athletics at Hatch Preparatory School. The hospitality shown by the host school was simply wonderful and everyone at Hatch did his utmost to insure a successful tournament. A thoughtful and valuable plan was to have a liaison student from Hatch assigned to each team. Frederick Post, Hatch '62, was our host and did a fine job.

There were no weak spots in the tournament planning. The locale, Rogers high school gym, certainly is equal to the best in New England. The tournament host was the Headmaster of Hatch, Lloyd Harvey Hatch. The officials were all top men in the field and each part of the competition was handled with the utmost efficiency.

The enthusiasm shown by the competing teams in this tournament was such that there seems little doubt but what it will become "bigger and better" with each passing year. Certainly Hatch Prep demonstrated how a basketball tournament should be run!

It is possible that this initial success may lead to similar meets in other sports.

Mr. Pearl Speaks at Cohasset

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It was a fine evening for everyone. The church club audience expressed their appreciation of our part in the program, and we were certainly delighted to bring our story to this fine Cohasset group.

News of the Alumni

EDWARD V. OSBERG, '24, announces that National Polychemicals, Inc., of which firm he is President, has formed a plastics division. In this expansion move Dr. Leopold F. Bornstein has been named a Vice President of the company and General Manager of its Plastics Division. New marketing areas for National Polychemicals will be thus made. The company, which was opened just six years ago, operates a multi-unit chemical plant on its 65-acre site in Wilmington, Massachusetts.

ROBERT H. CARNEY, '24, is employed by a consulting firm and his work takes him to every corner of the country. He retains a deep interest in his alma mater and corresponds regularly with island friends. His two older children are married, and he is a grandfather. His youngest daughter is a student at the University of Toledo.

HERBERT A. ROKES, '34, is a herdsman on a Randolph, Vermont, dairy farm. He writes, asking about the School in general, and particularly about his classmates and the excavation of the 1934 "treasure chest." Plans for the latter are in the formulative stage.

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Band Concert Invitation

Our friends are cordially invited to attend the Annual Spring Concert of our Band, which will be given in historic Faneuil Hall on April 26, at 2:30 p. m. We would be tremendously pleased to have a large audience. The concert program has been carefully rehearsed and a worth while afternoon of band music is assured.

Do come to Faneuil Hall and bring your friends. You will be warmly welcomed. No further invitation than this is necessary, and tickets will not be needed.

Mr. Pearl Speaks at Roslindale

Mr. Pearl and Mr. Albee attended the dinner meeting of the Rainbow Girls of Roslindale on April 3. As our readers know, this is a young peoples' organization sponsored by the Masonic Lodge. The girls and their parents, about 150 in number, were very much interested in our film, "The Thompson Academy Story." Previous to the pictures Mr. Pearl spoke giving a brief history of our school, and introduced our film. After the showing Mr. Pearl and Mr. Albee answered questions from the audience.

Boston University Play

Our senior and junior English classes attended the B. U. Theatre Division performance of Saroyan's play, "The Time of Your Life, " at the Boston University Theatre on March 4. The student cast was directed by Eddie Dowling and gave an excellent performance. The many characters in the play cast a genial, cheerful philosophy about the essential goodness of men and women into a dramatic entertainment. The story may be farfetched, but certainly the music, dancing, tall stories, and the love themes make for a pleasant play. Our boys enjoyed it very much.

April Parents Council Meeting

The April meeting of the Parents Council was held at the Museum of Science on April 8. The meeting was opened by Presidet Emmet Weber, who introduced the speaker, Dr. Felix Heald of the Adolescent Unit of the Children's Medical Center, Boston. Dr. Heald spoke informally on the subject, "What is a Teen-Ager?" He urged the parents to consider the physical age of their children rather than the chronological, for physical development very frequently determines learning and behavior growth. He noted especially that adolescents have their ups and downs in every field and that parents should not expect teen agers to follow a set pattern week after week. Children expect parents to curb them so that disaster doesn't strike, but in general the adolescent wants to be independent within reason and adult leaders must recognize this. Dr.

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

James Bryant Conant is without doubt one of our great living Americans. The former president of Harvard University has recently supervised a study of the American High School of today. This monumental work was administered by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton. Dr. Conant personally visited fifty-five schools in eighteen states.

The report deals with the comprehensive school, not the institution engaged in specialization.

The recommendations made by Dr. Conant's study are intensely valuable, and no doubt will be incorporated in the Nation's high schools as soon as practical.

Here at Thompson Academy we long ago supplied a complete terminal education for those of our students who could not, or did not want to go on to college. This segment of our student body is given solid preparation in mathematics, English, history and shop. This agrees completely with the findings in Dr. Conant's study.

Our college bound students are grouped as far as possible so that the slow pupil will not hold up an entire class, nor the brilliant pupil waste his time waiting for the middle group to catch up. By this grouping method the slow learner does not become discouraged listening to the quick, nor does the keen student refuse to work at top speed for fear of being considered conceited. This grouping method is strongly urged by Dr. Conant.

The ideal grouping would be to have sections in every course grouped as to learning ability. A student may take keen delight in mathematics and science courses. He gets a real thrill watching equations and formulas grow under his pencil. Yet he may have a language block that is almost insurmountable. He could well find himself in an A math group and a D language class.

Since the Nation's youth is our most

precious possession it is our duty to provide opportunity where each youngster can make the greatest possible progress according to his natural ability and aims and objects in life. The four years of high school go by so quickly. They can never be relived or retraced. They are supremely important years. Here at Thompson Academy we recognize these truths absolutely and strive to the utmost to give our boys the best possible preparation for the critical times which lie ahead.

Brawn and endurance still count, but in this age of automation the highly educated will take the honors. In truth, the survival of our Nation in this age of missile warfare and jet planes may well eventually depend on the quality of the education our youngsters are receiving today.

Topics in Brief

Our Band gave a concert for the members of the Engineers Blue Room Club, on March 14. This is a Masonic organization, comprised of men in the Engineering profession. Several members of the Club are Thompson Academy alumni. Our boys enjoyed a gala evening, beginning with a hearty dinner. This was followed by a movie, after which our band gave its concert. Howard B. Ellis, '98, our former bandmaster and a member of the Blue Room Club, was a guest conductor. After the concert there was a first class vaudeville show, and we doubt that some of our boys will ever forget the surprises which they met during the act featuring hypnotism.

Although daily inspections are made of the boys' dormitory rooms, it is on Saturday that a rather rigid weekly inspection is held. Mr. Pearl, with one of the supervisors, spends all the time neccessary in each room. Each dormitory is thoroughly inspected, from stem to stern, as someone once said. A prize is given each week to the boys in the most attractive room.

A motion picture, giving a factual account of the Battle of Britain was shown our student body on March 6. The film made a lasting impression on the boys, as it portrayed the significant events leading up to the siege of the British Isles during World War II. Arrangements for the use of the film were made with the Boston Public Library and we appreciate the fine cooperation of the Library motion picture department.

The varsity basketball team watched the Celtics win another game on March 4. After the game the boys talked with Bob Cousy, and enjoyed this even more than the game. Mr. Cousy, who is a member of the Advisory Committee of our Board of Trustees, is a great believer in top physical fitness for the Nation's youth, and does a great deal to promote physical education programs.

A birthday table, to honor those who have birthdays during the month, is a feature of long standing. Everyone likes to have his birthday remembered, and these monthly parties are popular with the students.

Our art and craft classes, held twice weekly, have interested many of the boys. Under the direction of Mr. Bazler, fine work has been accomplished. The boys have every right to be proud of the excellent articles they have produced, paricularly in leathercraft.

The boys were at home for a mid-winter recess from February 25 until classes began on March 2. The plan of having two short vacations during the winter instead of a single long period, works well.

The basketball season ended on March 25 with a foul shooting contest. It was a grand season, and the varsity players will never forget the tournament at Newport, R. I., when they emerged as champs. The teams in the intramural league had an exciting season. In the Sears league the Celtics, Lawrence Matson, captain, won the championship. The Bowditch league title was won by the Colts, William English, captain. The Nut league, made up of the younger boys, had a fine season and the Chestnuts, Steven Rosnov, captain, were winners. It was a busy season and more than sixty games were played on our Gardner Hall court.

The four boys who won the foul shooting contests were William Weber, Kenneth D. Ford, Robert Marston and Thomas Pearl.

Candidates for the varsity and junior varsity baseball teams met on April 6. The two teams will play a total of 17 games. Mr. Thomas coaches the varsity and Mr. Pearl the junior varsity.

We are replacing our silo, which was built 35 years ago, with a new pre-built unit. Workmen will be with us shortly assembling this new silo, the main sections of which were delivered to us on March 31.

Howard B. Ellis, '98, was here with workmen to inspect and make repairs on roofs of our buildings. Mr. Ellis has been a roofing engineer for many years and has taken care of our work here for several decades.

Parents Council Meeting

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Heald also noted that failures in school often are caused because students do not feel that they are getting reasonable value for the work and time expended. As to the delinquency problem, it was Dr. Heald's opinion that the home factor plays the most important part, and environment a second minor roll. Then, too, he noted that adult delinquency is tolerated in some areas. It was a fine talk and we were fortunate in having Dr. Heald with us.

Mr. Pearl gave a resume of current school activities and read the Honor Roll for the third marking period. Mr. Albee told of coming band concerts and urged the parents' attendance.

The secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Hersey, gave her customary fine report and read a letter from Harold Hanna, secretary of the Studeut Council, thanking the Parents Council for assistance is securing a fine record turntable for our school public address system.

The meeting closed with the first public performance of the recently instituted Thompson Jazz Band. Under Mr. Bazler's direction the eight piece group played three selections, each of which was received with enthusiastic applause. Our congratulatious to Mr. Bazler and his boys.

A Public Library Trip

On March 11, Mr. Lindsey's ninth and tenth grade World History Class went on a field trip to the South Boston Library. There the students viewed three films concerning life in the Mediaeval Times which is what the class is presently studying. The films were "Mediaeval Crusades", "Mediaeval Knights" and "The Growth of London". After each film, Miss Moorachian, the students' host, gave short reviews on the books in the Library written on that subject. After the movies the students browsed through the Library. The trip was enjoyed by all and many books were taken out. The most popular books were those pertaining to careers and sports.

Thomas Parker '61